AN ORDINANCE
AS AMENDED BY
PUBLIC SAFETY AND LEGAL
ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

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## BY COUNCILMEMBER CLAIR MULLER

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF **ORDINANCES** OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA. GEORGIA, CHAPTER 10, ARTICLE II, DIVISION 2, SECTION 10-66, TO REQUIRE THE MAYOR TO GRANT OR DENY ANY ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE APPLICATION WITHIN NINETY CALENDAR DAYS OF RECEIPT FROM THE LICENSE REVIEW BOARD; AND TO GIVE THE MAYOR THE ABILITY TO REMAND AN ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE APPLICATION TO THE LICENSE REVIEW BOARD FOR FURTHER HEARING; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

**WHEREAS**, Chapter 10, of the Code of Ordinances City of Atlanta, Georgia requires an applicant for an alcoholic beverage license to adhere to a strict and fully defined process for an alcoholic beverage license; and

**WHEREAS**, it is within the best interest of the city to consider applications pertaining to alcohol permitting and licensing within a reasonable time period.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA hereby ordaines as follows:

**Section 1:** That Chapter 10, Article II, Division 2, Section 10-66 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Atlanta is hereby amended by deleting and moving the current language of existing subsection (b) to a new subsection to be created as subsection (c), and to insert in lieu thereof the following language so that subsection (b) reads as follows:

(b) The mayor shall deny, grant, or remand to the license review board, any alcoholic beverage license application within ninety (90) calendar days of receipt of a recommendation from the license review board. Upon review of the license review board's recommendation and/or the record created during the license review board hearing, if the mayor determines there exists the need to correct a clear error or prevent a manifest injustice, the mayor may remand the application back to the license review board for further hearing. In remanding the application back to the license review board, the mayor shall provide written instructions to the license review board and the license and permit unit of the Atlanta Police Department identifying specific issues and/or matters the mayor requires the license review board

to conduct further hearing upon. An alcoholic beverage license applicant shall be provided with a five (5) day written notice stating the specific issues and/or matters to be addressed on remand, along with the place, date and time of the remand hearing. All applications remanded to the license review board shall be scheduled for further hearing before the license review board no later than thirty (30) days after the date of remand. If the mayor does not make a decision to grant or deny an application within the ninety (90) calendar days provided, and does not choose to remand the application to the License Review Board, the application shall be approved or denied wherein the recommendation of the License Review Board shall become the final decision of the mayor.

<u>Section 2:</u> that Chapter 10, Article II, Division 2, Section 2, Section 10-66 of the Code or Ordinances of the City of Atlanta is hereby amended by creating a new subsection (c)containing the current language of pre-existing subsection (b).

**Section 3:** All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby Repealed.

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